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OPENING SESSION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE - JERUSALEM, JAN.
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WHITE HOUSE FOR POWEL

1. GENTLEMEN, IT IS QUITE INSPIRING THAT WE MEET HERE...IN THE
CITY OF PEACE, WHICH IS MOST SACRED TO US ALL.

2. THE TIME HAS COME, AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF BITTER
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AND MORTAL STRIFE BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION,
WHEN WE MUST RESOLVE TO LIVE TOGETHER IN A WORLD OF
PEACE AND JUSTICE, AND AVOID THE HIDEOUS TRAGEDY OF
SENSELESS WASTE AND MISERY.

3. IT WAS ONLY APPROPRIATE AND NATURAL THAT THIS
PROCESS OF PEACE BE INITIATED VMODYCOKENT SWKUNZ,

SINCE EGYPT, WITH ITS CULTURAL HERITAGE, GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION AND HUMAN RESOURCES HAS ALWAYS, FOR THE LAST SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS, BORNE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE REGION. IT HAS ALWAYS LIVED UP TO THE CHALLENGE OF HISTORY, AND ITS DESTINY IS TO CONTINUE TO DO SO AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ARAB WORLD.

4. BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN THE MOST SACRED FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES.

5. BECAUSE, TOGETHER WITH ALL PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS WE BELIEVE THAT WE MUST SAVE SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS FROM THE SCOURGE OF WAR.

6. BECAUSE WE MUST ENDEAVOUR TO LAY ASIDE THE ANGER AND HATRED IN OUR HEARTS BY ERADICATING AGGRESSION AND INJUSTICE.

7. WE HAVE COME HERE TODAY TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF PEACE INITIATED BY PRESIDENT SADAT ON NOVEMBER 20, WHICH RECEIVED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT. AS A MANIFESTATION OF THIS SUPPORT WE APPRECIATE TODAY THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE WHOSE TIRELESS EFFORTS WILL NO DOUBT CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRESS OF OUR WORK. WE ALSO WELCOME AT OUR MEETING THE PRESENCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
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UNITED NATIONS.

8. WE HAVE NOT COME TO SEEK A SEPARATE PEACE, OR A TEMPORARY PEACE.

9. WE HAVE COME TO JERUSALEM, WHERE FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL, HUMAN DESTINY HAS EXPERIENCED AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE DIVINE.
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